

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH CHINA AND SOUTH EAST COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal for expansion of trade with China and South East countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the areas identified for this purpose; and
- (d) the specific steps being taken in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) : It is the constant endeavour of the Government to expand India's trade with China and South East Countries. The various sectors of Indian export interest to these countries include agricultural products, minerals and ores, textiles, leather & leather goods, gems and jewellery, electronic goods, engineering goods, computer software, etc. The steps being taken, on a continuing basis, for increasing Indian exports include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions, exchange of information/delegations, meetings of Working Group on Trade, Joint Trade Committees, at Government level, meetings between respective Chambers of Commerce & Industry under the aegis of Joint Business Councils etc.